## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN -- SOUTHERN DIVISION

RALPH DAVENPORT,
RICHARD DAVENPORT,
Individually and on behalf others similarly situated
Plaintiffs,

-VS-

Case No. 13-CV-13156 Hon.

COLLECTO, INC.

Defendant.

## **DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS OF IAN B. LYNGKLIP**

Ian B. Lyngklip makes the following statement under oath as an attorney of record and officer of the court:

- 1. My name is Ian B. Lyngklip.
- 2. I am an attorney of record in this case.
- I am the senior member in the Law Firm of Lyngklip & Associates Consumer Law Center,
   PLC.
- 4. From 1998-2007 I was the senior member in the Law Firm of Lyngklip & Taub Consumer Law Group, PLC.
- 5. I am also Of Counsel to the Consumer Law Group of Newport News Virginia.
- 6. I am a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy Law School, J.D. Summa Cum Laude, as of May 1992.
- 7. I have been a practicing attorney since November 1992.
- 8. I have been admitted to practice before the following courts:
  - a. Courts of the State of Michigan as of November 17, 1992.

- b. United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, November 23, 1992.
- c. United States District Court, Western District of Michigan, September 20, 2000.
- d. United States District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, March 4, 2011.
- e. United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, July 6, 2011.
- f. United States District Court, District of Connecticut, September 16, 2011.
- g. United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, February 16, 2012.
- h. United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, November 15, 2011.
- i. United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, September 25, 2001.
- 9. I have been admitted by *Pro Hac Vice* to practice before the following courts:
  - a. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.
  - b. United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.
  - c. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
  - d. United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia.
  - e. United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.
  - f. United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.
  - g. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
  - h. United States District Court for the Central District of California.
  - i. United States District Court for the Norther District of Kentucky.
- 10. I have focused my practice on consumer matters since 1995, and litigated those cases predominantly in the Federal Court system since year 2000.
- 11. I am a current member of the State Bar of Michigan's Consumer Law Section.
  - I served as a Council Member of the State Bar of Michigan's Consumer Law Section
     from 1997-2001.

- I served as the Chairperson of the State Bar of Michigan's Consumer Law Section
   Council in 2000.
- 12. I am a member in good standing of the National Association of Consumer Advocates.
  - I served on the Board of Directors of National Association of Consumer Advocates from 2004-2010.
  - b. I have served as the National Association of Consumer Advocates's State-Coordinator for the State of Michigan since 2005.
  - c. I served as the Co-Chair person of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Consumer Advocates's from 2005-2009.

## 13. I am the recipient of

- a. Oakland County Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award, 2005.
- The Frank Kelly Consumer Advocate Award, Michigan State Bar Association
   Consumer Law Section, September 30, 2004.
- The Consumer Advocate of the Year, National Association of Consumer Advocates,
   October 2003.
- 14. I have been selected for inclusion in the Key Professional Media, Inc. list of "Superlawyers" within the State of Michigan in 2006 -2013.

## 15. I am the author of

- a. How to Write Like a Trial Lawyer. Warrior, the publication of the Trial Lawyer's
   College. Spring 2013
- b. The Michigan Consumer Protection Act is Virtually Dead Yet the Legislature, Executive Branch, and Many Attorneys Don't Seem to Know It. Michigan Bar Journal, August 2012.

- c. From Statutes to Stories. Warrior, the publication of the Trial Lawyer's College.Spring 2012.
- d. Debt Collector Liability Under the FDCPA for Failure to Note a Consumer Dispute

  Before Transfer to Next Collector. Michigan Consumer Law Section Newsletter,

  April 2008, Volume 12, No. 1. Copy available at

  http://www.michbar.org/consumer/pdfs/ap08.pdf.
- e. Remedies for Identity Theft Victims: Strategies for Protecting and Preserving Clients' Rights. Michigan Bar Journal, October 2006, Volume 85, No. 10. With Gary M. Victor. Copy available at http://www.michbar.org/journal/pdf/pdf4article1061.pdf.
- f. Topical Summary of Consumer Protection Statutes Applicable in Proceedings In Michigan Courts. Presented to the Michigan Judicial Institute, March 29, 2004.
- g. Trade Secrets, Protective Orders and the Smoking Gun. The Consumer Advocate, Volume 9 Issue 4, October 2003.
- h. Top 5 Mistakes of general practitioners in handling identity thefts and credit reporting disputes. Ingham County Bar Associate Briefs, October 2003
- i. The Court of Appeals Provides Guidance Interpreting Potential Violations of the MCPA. Consumer Law Newsletter, Volume 4 No. 1, January 2000.
- j. Motor Vehicle Repair Fees and the Consumer. Consumer Law Newsletter, Volume2 No. 2, June 1998.
- k. Civil RICO and Environmental Harms. University of Detroit Law Review, 1992.
- I am a contributing author to National Consumer Law Center's Fair Credit Reporting Manual, Sixth Edition (Chapter 8).
- 17. I have served as the National Association of Consumer Advocates, FCRA Conference

- Steering Committee Chair Person for 2001-2004.
- 18. I have served on the National Association of Consumer Advocates, Auto Fraud Conference Steering Committee 2005.
- 19. I have served on the National Association of Consumer Advocates, FCRA Conference Steering Committee 2001-2007.
- 20. I have served on the National Association of Consumer Advocates, FDCPA Conference Steering Committee for 2004-2008.
- 21. I have been asked to speak by Federal Regulatory Agencies at the following events
  - a. Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Joint Roundtable: Life of a Debt. June 6-7, 2013 Washington, DC.
  - b. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Sponsored Roundtable July 17, 2012 concerning Fair Credit Reporting Act held at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI.
  - c. The Federal Trade Commission sponsored Auto Finance Roundtable November 17, 2011. The Road Ahead: Selling & Financing Motor Vehicles concerning auto finance fraud practices in "Spot Deliveries" or "Yo Yo" sales, held in Washington, DC. <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/workshops/motorvehicles/">http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/workshops/motorvehicles/</a>.
  - d. The Federal Trade Commission sponsored Auto Finance Roundtable April 12, 2011.

    The Road Ahead: Selling & Financing Motor Vehicles concerning auto finance fraud practices in "Spot Deliveries" or "Yo Yo" sales, held in Detroit, MI on the campus of Wayne State University. <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/workshops/motorvehicles/">http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/workshops/motorvehicles/</a>.
  - e. The Federal Trade Commission sponsored Debt Collection Workshop on October 11,
     2007 concerning collection practices in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in Washington, DC.
  - f. The Federal Trade Commission sponsored Debt Collection Roundtable August 5,

- 2009 concerning the role of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act in state court litigation and arbitration proceedings, held in Chicago, IL.
- 22. I have conducted training of consumer advocates around the country as well as training Judges and Legislators within the state of Michigan and the Consumer Defense bar.
  - a. National Consumer Law Center Annual Conference, Crystal City, VA. November
     8, 2013 ABC's of Fair Credit Reporting (introduction to Fair Credit Reporting Act cases) (anticipated).
  - Michigan Judicial Institute: Resolving Consumer Debt Disputes: An Update on the Legal Requirements for the Collection of Debts. Lansing, Michigan April 23, 2013 (anticipated).
  - c. Arizona Bar Association, New Technology in Credit Collection Defense and FDCPA
     Cases. Phoenix, Arizona, June 21, 2012.
  - d. Michigan Judicial Institute: Credit Card Collection and Fraud Cases. Lansing,
     Michigan June 2, 2011.
  - e. Oakland County Bar Association Pro Bono Panel Training, Troy, Michigan January
     21, 2011. (Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Primer)
  - f. NCLC National Consumer Rights Litigation Conference, October 22-25, 2009.

    Philadelphia, PA (Defense of debt collection actions in State Court).
  - g. Michigan Poverty Law Program Consumer Road Show, October 5, 2009 (Fair Debt
     Collection Practices Act and Debt Defense in Michigan Courts).
  - NCLC National Consumer Rights Litigation Conference, October 24-27, 2008.
     Portland, OR (Defense of debt collection actions in State Court).
  - i. Michigan Poverty Law Program Consumer Road Show, September 23, 2008 (A

- consumer attorney primer on th Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and defense of debt collection actions in the Michigan District Courts).
- j. Michigan District Judges Association Annual Conference, August 14 2008. (Topics included debt collection actions in the Michigan District Courts).
- k. Michigan House of Representatives Consumer Protection Forum, January 23, 2008.Anderson House Office Building.
- Michigan House of Representatives Consumer Protection Forum, October 31, 2007.
   Anderson House Office Building.
- Mational Consumer Law Center Annual Conference, Washington, D.C, November
   8-11, 2007 (topics include State Law Issues in Credit Card Debt Defense and Top
   Arguments by Credit Reporting Agencies and Furnishers of Credit Debt).
- n. National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys *Fall Workshop*, J.W. Marriot, Las Vegas Nevada, October 26, 2007. (Topics included credit reporting issues relating to debt collection and bankruptcy.)
- National Consumer Law Center Annual Conference, Miami, FL, November 10-13,
   2006 (topics include primer on Fair Credit Reporting Act, Auto Finance Fraud introduction, and Electronic Discovery in Auto Finance Fraud cases).
- p. Practicing Law Institute, Fair Credit Reporting Litigation update, Chicago, IL. April 28, 2006.
- q. National Consumer Law Center Annual Conference, Boston, MA, November 5-7, 2005 (topics include primer on Fair Credit Reporting Act, Autofraud introduction, Federal Claims for Autofraud, and protective order procedure.
- r. Missouri State Bar Association, Consumer Law Training, Real World Solutions for

- Real World Problems. October 21, 2005, St. Louis, MO.
- s. National Association of Consumer Advocates *Midyear Conference on Fair Credit Reporting Act*, New Orleans, LA, June 3-5, 2005 (subjects included drafting reinvestigation letters, basic claims, reseller issues and depositions on credit denials.).
- t. Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Consumer Law and Practice:

  What You Need to Know, anticipated date May 3, 2005, Troy, MI.
- u. American Bar Association Telephone CLE, *The Changing Face of Consumer Law*,
   December 14, 2004.
- v. National Consumer Law Center *Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, anticipated November 5-7, 2004 (topics include primer on Fair Credit Reporting Act, panel member on Autofraud Round Table, and Office Automation).
- W. Michigan Poverty Law Program Road Show, Autofraud Primer and ABC's of Fair
   Credit Reporting, Lansing, Michigan, September 17, 2004.
- x. Legal Aid and Defender Association, Fair Debt Collection Practices Training,
   Detroit, MI, August 13, 2004.
- y. National Association of Consumer Advocates *Midyear Conference on Fair Credit Reporting Act*, Chicago, IL, May 14-16, 2004 (subjects included jargon of FCRA, Case Management, Corporate Deposition Procedure, Protective Orders, and Office Automation Technology).
- Z. Committee on Regional Training for Michigan Poverty Law Program, Ohio State Legal Services Association, and Legal Aid of West Virginia. Advanced Substantive Law Consumer Training Session, Cleveland, Ohio. May 5, 2004. (topics include primer on Credit Reporting Issues in Fair Debt Collection Practices Cases).

- aa. Michigan Creditor's Bar Association, Annual Meeting, Novi Michigan. Anticipated April 22, 2004. *Consumer Statutes Applicable to Creditor's Attorneys*.
- bb. Michigan Judicial Institute, Annual Meeting, Lansing Michigan. March 29, 2004,
   Consumer Issues in the District Court (topics included consumer issues for Judges,
   Fair Debt Collection Practices, Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act).
- National Consumer Law Center Fair Debt Collection Practices Training Conference,
   Kansas City, MO, Anticipated Date February 21, 2004 (topics include primer on
   Credit Reporting Issues in Fair Debt Collection Practices Cases).
- National Consumer Law Center Annual Conference, Oakland, CA, October 25, 2003
   (topics include primer on Fair Credit Reporting Act, panel member on FCRA Round Table).
- ee. Michigan District Judges Association Conference, Frankenmuth, Michigan.

  September 24, 2003 (topics included consumer issues for Judges, Fair Debt Collection Practices, Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, Securitization).
- ff. Florida Bar Association Consumer Law Section Training, Orlando Florida. June 27,2003 (topics included identifying and handling credit reporting errors).
- gg. UAW Legal Service *Quarterly Training*, Lansing, MI May 30, 2003 (topics included auto fraud basics, FCRA basics).
- National Association of Consumer Advocates Midyear Conference on Autofraud,
   Cleveland, OH, April 25-27 2003 (Topics included claims under the Consumer
   Credit Protection Act and proper limits of protective orders).
- National Association of Consumer Advocates Midyear Conference on Fair Credit Reporting Act, Orlando, FL, March 7-9 2003 (subjects included jargon of FCRA,

- reading credit reports, debt collection misuse of credit reports, case management).
- jj. National Association of Consumer Advocates Midyear Conference on Fair Credit Reporting Act, Albuquerque, NM, June 2002.
- kk. ICLE (Institute for Continuing Legal Education), *Making Consumer Law Part of Your Practice*, February 15, 2002, Troy, Michigan. (Topics included Autofraud).
- 11. Michigan Poverty Law Center *Road Show*, October 3, 2001 (subjects included advanced topics in auto finance fraud and TILA).
- mm. Consumer Law Section *Annual Meeting*, State Bar of Michigan, September 2001. (topics include Proper Limits of Arbitration in Consumer Cases).
- nn. Michigan Consumer Law Task Force, June 21, 2001 (subjects included identity theft and civil remedies).
- oo. Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Michigan *Training*, May 2001 (subjects included Fair Credit Reporting Act).
- pp. Michigan Poverty Law Center *Road Show*, November 1999 (subjects included primer on auto warranty and advanced topics under Michigan Consumer Protection Act.).
- qq. UAW Legal Services *Consumer Training*, November 1998 (subjects included auto repair and liens).
- 23. I have participated as counsel of record where class certifications were approved in the following cases:
  - a. *Mobbs v. Farmers Ins Co Inc*, 5:03-cv-00158-F (WD. OK) (Counsel in *Williams v. Farmers Ins Grp.*, 2:03-cv-70697 (ED MI) consolidated by MDL).
  - b. Domonoske v. Bank of America, 5:08-cv-00066 (W.D. VA).
  - c. Wilder v. Triad, Case No. 03cv863 (ED VA)

- d. Sivla v. Haynes Furniture, Case No. 3:04cv325 (E.D. VA).
- e. Webb v. Westborn Chrysler, Case No. 03-71077 (E.D. MI).
- f. Ard v. Equipax, Case No. 02-73674, (E.D. MI).
- g. Flowers v. Mel Farr Motors, Inc., Case No. 01-72528 (Oakland Circuit Court).
- h. Daniel v. Bill Snethkamp, Inc., 00-019252-CK.(Wayne Circuit MI).
- 24. I have participated in the following cases where class certifications were preliminarily approved and final approval is pending:
  - a. Franke v. Davis Law Group PC et al, 12-cv-11035 (ED MI).
- 25. I have successfully participated in the following cases as an objector to the adequacy of a class settlement in which those settlements were overturned on appeal. :
  - a. Vassalle v. Midland Funding LLC, 11-0096 (ND OH) rev'd. Vassalle v Midland Funding LLC, --- F.3d ----, 2013 WL 673517 (6th Cir. 2013) (Case No. 11-3961).
- 26. University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Consumer Defense Clinic September 2008-May2011.
- 27. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration.
- 28. If called to testify as a witness, I can testify truthfully to the facts stated above.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Declaration of Ian B. Lyngklip

Executed in Southfield, Michigan this Date 8/8/1/3